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Between 17 September and 16 November 1954.

maneuvers of the Third Shock Army were received

reports on the fall

information was forwarded in 64 military reports, which are summarized and evaluated

The exercise which, including the movements to and from the exercise area, lasted from 25 September to 7 October 1954, developed in four phases:

1 - 27 September (paragraph 2)

Advance shipments of directing headquarters and engineer

25 - 28 September

Arrival in the Wiesenburg-Belzig-Brueck assembly area of the attack party (reinforced IX Mzt Rifle Corps)

(paragraph 3) 29 - 3 October (paragraph 4)

Development of the exercise from the southeast (Altengrabow training grounds) toward the northwest (Letzling Heath) with

4 - 7 October

crossing of the Elbe River. Return shipments to the posts from the Letzling Heath area.

(paragraph 5)

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section:

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25X1 - 2 -25X1 88th Engr Regt/Second Gds Mecz Army (2 shipments); 3: Begr Regt/Fourth Gds Mech Army (2 shipments); mgr MIX Mtz Rifle Corps (l shipment); (4 shipments); Unidentified engineer units The Bridge Bldg Regt of the GSFG from Magdeburg by road. Thus, 20 shipments of engineer units of the Second and Fourth Gds Mecz Armies and the two engineer regiments of the GSFG were observed en route to the exercise area. Since, in addition to these units, engineer units of the Third Shock Army, engineer units of the Eighth Gds Army and the 7th Gds Tank Div which were observed during their departure also participated in the exercise, a total of approximately 30 engineer battalions is believed to have been employed. This tands to indicate that the employment of engineer units was one of the main problems of the exercise. For details, see paragraph 4 d. Between 12 and 22 September. A base similar to a war time fuel supply base which was supplied from Magdeburg was prepared by the Third Shock Army in the Stuelper Forst east of Jueterboge

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94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div from Schwerin, Wismar and Hagenow, with some of the units proceeding west of the Elbe River via Wolmirstedt-Magdeburg toward the east and other units proceeding via Perleberg-Kyritz toward the south;

18th Mecz Div from the Wittstock training grounds via Nauen-Brandenburg; 25th Gds RL Brig from Rathenow;

3d Gds AT Brig from Rostock via Friesack-Nauen-Brandenburg;

4th AT Brig from Prora/Ruegen via Kyritz-Nauen-Brandenburg;

32d AAA Div from Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin; and, prebably, light units of the elements of the 6th Arty Div, the 34th Arty Div and army artillery units of the Third Shock Army stationed in Altengrabow.

b. The following rail shipments to the exercise area of units of the Third Shock Army and the IV Arty Corps were reported by seven sources:

Unit	Entraining Area	Number of Shipments	25X1
34th Arty Div	Potsdam	4	
Arty Units/Th Shock Army an IV Arty Corps	ird Altengrabow d/or	3	
Army Units/Th		2	
Army Units/Th Shock Army	ird		ILLEGIB
Army Units/Th Shock Army	ird Vinzelberg	3	
Arty Units/Th Shock Army an IV Arty Corps	d /or	1	
Arty Units/Th Shock Army an W Arty Corps	ird Altengrabow d/or	1	
18th Meez Div		1	
18th Mecz Div	-	3	7

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25X1 SECRET, 25X1 - 3 -Number of Entraining Area Unit 25X1 Shipments 4 4th Gds Arty Brig/ Schwerin IX Mtz Rifle Corps and/or 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div 2 Hagenow 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div 2 Guestrow 10th Gds RL Regt/ IX Mtz Rifle Corps 1 Wittstock 18th Mecz div 12 18th Meez Div Dranse 2 Schwerin Corps Units/IX Mtz Rifle Corps and/or 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div Dranse-Parchim 2 18th Mecz Div 1 Schwerin 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div 3 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Schwerin Div and/er 4th Gds Arty Brig 18th Meez Div Deanse 1 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Schwerin Div 1 Hagenow 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div 2 Dranse-Parchim 18th Mecz Div 1 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Schwerin Div 1 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Hagenow Div Schwerin 94th Gds Mtz Rifle 1 Div Hagenow (Wismar) 1 Magdeburg Army Units/Third Shock Army or 19th Gds Meez Div 7 Hillersleben Army Units/Third Shock Army or 19th Gds Mecz Div 25X1

Including the 20 engineer shipments, a total of 2/2 rail shipments were observed arriving in the exercise area. Forty-two shipments involved units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps, and 22 shipments units of the introd Shock Army and the IV Arty Corps. On 29 September, elements of the 56th Motor Trans Regt of the ES GSFG transferred to Altengrabow. Observations at the post tended to indicate that units of the 66th Sig Regt of the GSFG from Potsdam-Stahnsdorf also participated in the exercise.

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	to the Red (Attack Altengrabow traini	28 September, combat elements of Party were apparently located ng grounds: 3d Gds AAA Div and other army u	l in the area southeast mits including 44th Ar	of the
	IX Mtz Rifle Corps	2 4th Gds Arty Brig 10th Gds RL Regt an AAA Regt 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div 18th Mecz Div	20th A	krmy AT Brig
	IV Arty Corps:	6th Arty Div without 124th Hv 34th Arty Div with all brigad 25th Gds RL Brig 3d Gds AT Brig 4th AT Brig 32d AAA Div		
•	unobtrusively as a Rifle Corps had or the summer camps in Elbe River. These units could not be units of the 19th in the Elbe section evacuation of the 24 and 26 September observed prior to	of the defense party (White Par result of the location of the ly to move the 19th Gds Mecz Di n the Letzling Heath and the Ma movements were made at night ar identified. Observations from Gds Mecz Div from Magdeburg par on north of Burg about 1 Catober summer camps of the two divisions. The date of the return of the the general termination of the less units participated in the contractions.	defense positions. The liv and the 207th Mtz Riagdeburg and Stendal pond by road so that the the posts, however, in rticipated in a withdray; and lons in the Letzling Head en units, which, in some exercise, also agreed	e LXXIX Mtz ifle Div from osts to:the participating ndicated that awal exercise the 25X ath between e cases, was with the
	attack of the Red the 136th Hv Gds 1 Gds Mecz Div were	r, the Altengrabow area presume Party, it is assumed that units ank SP Regt of the Third Shock transferred to the Altengrabow the employment of engineer unit	s of the White Party, p Army or tank units of area for employment in	possibly of the 19th n the defense.
p d w d	robably advanced three efense party withdrew as crossed by the att	eveloped in three phases. During sugh a deep obstacle zone (Alter across the Elbe River. During tack party and, during the third Elbe River in the east section a were made:	ngrabow training ground the second phase, the d phase, the defense pe	is) and the Elbe River arty was
	and engineer elements and engineer these unitarity assumed that the assumed that the assumed that the engineer unitarity and elements from the engineer unitarity Elbe River. This at the Elbe River after the white Party was the general ling of their posts, the area and the 19th	mber, major elements of the engines of the Second and Fourth Games 2). The construction of this had been observed northwest of the grounds of arrival and local engineer units had to prepare and ing grounds. The area was probable Hillersleben. After the attack is were attached to the Red Particle assumption is supported by the care the exercise as located in defense positions with security details in the After the cast of Thie Canal. It is being 207th Mtz Rifle Div was employed Mecz Div southward in the land assembled Its tanks in the area.	ds Mecz Armies, transferent camps which probable of Altengrabow as early tion of assembly area, no obstacle zone in the bly occupied by the emparty had passed the ey and were probably empentraining of these unit west of the Elbe River ltengrabow area and as lieved that, in regard cyed northward in the Neu-Derben-Rogetz area	erred to ly were to y as 2 it is area of the gineer units obstacle zone, ployed on the its west of r between far forward to the location Buch-Bittkau a. The first

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b •	The Red Party apparently was to break through an obstacle zone we positions in the Altengrabow area, to prevent a new resistance except the River by a swift pursuit and crossing of the Elbe River, and the enemy group west of the river.	east of the
	According to the entraining areas after the termination of the elleth Gds Mecz Div may have been employed at the right and the 94 Div at the left. The boundary between the units probably ran vis Birkholz-Tangerhuette-south of Gardelegen and the left boundary ran via Burg-north of Colt	exercise, the th Gds Mtz Rifle a Neu-Derben-
	Information on the loading stations also indicated that the two the IV Arty Corps were attached to the right attack group (tanks The Red Party was equipped with approximately 1,000 guns includ launchers and mortars (excluding light mortars). With the initial being estimated at approximately 8 km (4 km for each division), of the obstacle zone was supported by heavy artillery employment per front km).	AT brigades of 25% s near Buch). ding rocket al frontage the passing
c.	party presumably reached the Elbe River on 1 October, the third exercise, at a speed of 15 km per day. After the break-through obstacle zone, the attack frontage of the corps cannot have been with the width of the defense line (30 km) of the White Party. assumed that the attack concentrated on two points and, without remaining enemy groups, proceeded northwestward. The first eleme Party probably crossed the river on 1 October whereas the bulk presumably followed during the night of 1/2 October after river had been prepared. (Compare with paragraph 4 d). In the morning of 1 October, there were fights on the Ihle Canawooden bridge which had been constructed across the Dammkrone Canal was exploded. At that time, the directing headquarters was located in Parkau, where numerous belephone lines converged. Publicated in Parkau, where numerous belephone lines converged.	day of the 25X1 through the identical It is therefore regard to ents of the Red of the Red of the Red Party crossing sites I during which a anal by engineer outh of the s probably archau had to
	with the destroying of the larty in the area between the the Letzling Heath. Compare with paragraph 4 b.	Elbe River and
d.	The employment of the engineer units can be retraced from informuloading and loading sites. Only one bridge for heavy equipment confirmed near Parchau-Kehnert. The early arrival of the engine River probably had two reasons: first, the preparation of obstacles on either side of the river Party; and second, the preparation of river crossing sites, posteridge building practices, for the Red Party. This applies part unit of the GSFG which, with approximately 80 amphibious vehicle with the new equipment in the Guesen area. On the basis of the at least one crossing point for heavy equipment (tanks) and one	f could be ers on the Elbe for the White sibly including icularly to the es, practiced assumption that auxiliary
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round attack division	Brandenburg			
ighter divisions econnaissance Regt	Merseburg, Grossenha: Koethen (MiG-15)	in and Zerost		
nd Artillery Obser- ation regiment	Zerbst (IL-10)			
omber regiment ransport units	Werneuchen and Bries	en		
he following units were	transferred in connec	tion with their	employment:	
round attack regiment	Brandenburg-Briest Merseburg	to Doeberitz		
ighter regiment ighter regiment	TOT DODGE &	to Brandenburg	-Briest	
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With the departure of first elements in the evening of 3 October, the maneuver terminated in the Letzling Heath. A final phase in the Dolle area, which the enderstand of air force units and, possibly, parachute troops, was apparently held in the presence of Marchal Anukov, Army General Grechko, General Batov and the former German field Marshal Paulus.

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a. The bulk of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps and wheeled elements of the other units, with a few exceptions, left again by road on and after the evening of 3 October. The return shipments of units of the Third Shock Army and the IV Arty Corps from the Letzling Heath area between 4 and 7 October, which were observed included:

Unit	Area	Number of Shipments	25X1
34th Arty Div 136th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt/	Tangerhuette Hillersleben	1 3	
Third Shock Ar 304th Arty Bri LXXIX (Mtz Rif Corps)	rmy lg/ Letzlingen	1	
44th Army Arty Brig/Third She Army and/or 6t	ock	4	
Arty Div ? 6th Arty Div 34th Arty Div 88th Engr Regt Second Gds Med	Tangerhuette t/ Jerichow	1 12 1	
Army 18th Mecz Div 6th Arty Div 3d Engr Regt/ Fourth Gds Mec	Mahlwinkel Jerichow	1 2 2	
Army 88th Engr Regt 2nd Gds Mecz	t/ Jerichow	1	
Army 22d Gds Engr F 6th Gds Mecz I		1	
34th Arty Div 304th Arty Bri LXXIX Mtz Rifi	lg/ Letzlingen	1	
Corps Amphibious Veh Unit Sperenber		3	
Engr ?/Eight 6	. •	1	
Army 205th Engr Bn/ Gds Tank Div	/12th Vinzelberg	1	
	g/IV Tangermuende	1	
AAA Regt/LXXII	K Mtz Guesen	3	
Rifle Corps Army troops/Th Shock Army	nird Gardelegen	1	
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3d Gds AT Brig IV Arty Corps	g/ Tangermuende	2	
	egt/ Letzlingen Corps	2	

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IV Arty Corps			
3d Gds AT Brig/	Tangermu en de	1	
IV Arty Corps		•	
Army troops/Third	Jaevenitz	2	
Shock Army	Hillersleben	2	
Army troops/Third Shock Army	HITTOI STOOM	.~	
33d Tank Regt/18th	Moehringen	2	
Mecz Div	J	_	
18th Mecz Div	Jaevenitz	2	
Army troops/Third	Jaevenitz	1	
Shock Army	T	1	
4th AT Brig/IV	Tangermuende	•	
Arty Corps 18th Mees Div	Jaevenitz	2	
94th Gdm Mtz Rifle	Gardelegen	1	
Div		_	
3d Gds AT Brig/	Tangermuende	1	
IV Arty Corps	mana fahara	3	
74th Tank SP Regt/94	tu garderegen	,	
94th Gds Mtz Rifle	Gardelegen	1	
Div			
121st Gds Engr Bn/	Jaevenitz	2	
7th Gds Tank Div			
32d AAA Div	Stendal	5 1	
59th Mecz Regt/	Jaevenit z	•	
18th Mecz Div 33d Tank Regt/	Moehringen	2	
18th Mecz Div			
60th Meez Regt/18th	Moehringen	4	
Mecz Div		•	
33d Tank Regt/19th	Moehringen	2	
Mecz Div	Condolegen	1	
94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div	dat.deregen	•	
58th Meez Regt/18th	Vinzelberg	2	
Mecz Div			
58th Mecz Regt/18th	Vinzelberg	1	
Mecz Div		,	
 119th Hw Gds Tank SI	? Vinzelberg	4	
Regt/18th Mecz Div			

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The 96 return shipments are b	roken down as follows:		
IX Mtz Rifle Corps IV Arty Corps	37 shipments 29 shipments	j	
Army troops/Third Shock Army and LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps	18 shipments		
Engineer units of the GSFG and various armies	12 shipments		
There is no doubt that only p Rifle Corps, for example, arr trains. It is believed trains. The fuel supply between 3 and 5 October returned to their posts after Equipment which was left on t of October.	ived on 42 trains and to units involved left Stuelper Ferest ret 3 and 24 October, to the dismantling of significant statement of the dismantling of significant statement in the dismantling of significant statement statement in the dismantling of significant statement	the engineer wnits of on approximately liturned to Magdeburg the directing headquent installations.	n 20 0 25X1 arters month
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d. Defense of strong points. e. Pursuit after break-through tundestroyed enemy	×		
f. Crossing of a riverse obstacles, short g. Combined employment of air for artillery observation planes, h. Warfare under conditions pres	parachuter troops).	ground attack planes	9
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ľ	Army Units/Third Shock Army	Vinzelberg		
	Army Units/Third Shock Army	Vinzelberg	3	
	Arty Units/Third Shock Army and/or	Altengrabov	1	
	If Arty Corps Arty Units, Third Shock Army and/r	Altengrabow	7	
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	13th Mecs Div	Dranse	2	
	94th Gás Waz Riffe Diy	Selmerin	1	
	94th this Man Riffe Dir	Hagenow	2	
	18th Mens Div	Orans - Parchiz	2 .	
	94th Gda Mta RiMe Div	Schwerin	3	
	94th Gds Mts Rifle	Hagenow	1	
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4 the evening of 28 September, combat elements of the following units which belonged to the Red (Actual) Party were apparently located in the area southeast of the Ultengrabow training grounds:

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10th Gds RL Regt an AAA Regt

94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div

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6th Arty Div without 124th Nv Eow Brig 34th Arty Div with all brigades

25th Gds RL Brig 3d Gds AT Brig 4th AT Brig 32d AAA Div

The concentration of the defense party (White Party) was accomplished rather exobtrusively as a result of the location of the defense positions. The LXXIX Mtz Eifle Corps and only to move the 19th Gds Mecz Div and the 207th Mtz Rifle Div from the surmer camps in the Letzling Heath and the Magdeburg and Stendal posts to the Fibe River. These movements were made at night and by road so that the participating units could not be identified. Observations from the posts, however, indicated that units of the 19th Gds Meez Diw from Magdeburg participated in a withdrawal exercise in the Tibe section north of Burg about 1 October; and another source reported the evacuation of the summer cames of the two divisions in the Letzling Beath between 24 and 26 September. The date of the return of the units, which in some cases was observed prior to the general termination of the exercise, also agreed with the assumption that these units participated in the exercises.

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- The exercise proper developed in three phases. During the first phase the attack party probably admirzed through a deep obstable zone (Altengrabow training grounds) and the efense party withdrew across the Elbe River. During the second phase, the Elbe River can pressed by the attack party and, diring the third phase, the defense party was castroyed west of the Mibe River in the east section of Letzling Heath. In detail, the oldowing observations were made:
 - On 12 and 19 Sautember, major elements of the engineer regiment Bernburg of the GSFC and sogiaser elements of the Second and Fourth Gds Necz Armies, transferred to Altangrabes (see Annex 2). The construction of tent camps which probably were to quarter these arits had been observed northwest of Altengrabow as early as 9. September, According to date of arrival and location of assembly area, it is assumed that the engineer units had to prepare an obstacle mone in the area of the Altengrabov training grounds. The area was probably occupied by the engineer unive and elements from Hillersleben. After the attack party had passed the obstacle zone, the engineer units were attached to the Ead Party and were probably employed on the The River. This assumption is supported by the entraining of these units west of the Elbe River after the exercises

The White Party was located in defense positions west of the Elbe River between Buch and Rogaetz, with security details in the Altengrabov area and as far forward as the general line east of Ihle Canal. It is believed that, in regard to the location of their posts, the 207th Mtz Rifle Div was employed northward in the Buch-Bittkau axes and the 19th Gds Mecz Div southward in the Neu-Derben-Rogaetz area. The first mentioned division assembled its tanks in the area southwest of Buch, apparently as Service Been

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be The Red Party apparently was to break through an obstacle some with reinforced positions in the Altengrabow area, to prevent a new resistance east of the Elbe River by a swift pursuit and crossing of the Elbe River, and to destroy the enemy group west of the river.

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According to the entraining areas after the termination of the exercise, the 18th Gds Mecz Div may have been employed at the right and the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div at the left. The boundary between the units probably ran via Neu-Derben-Birkholz-Tangerhuette-south of Gardelegen

and the left boundary ran via Burg-north of Colbitz-Borno Information on the loading stations also indicated that the two AT brigades of the IV Arty Corps were attached to the right attack group (tanks near Buch)on The Red Party was equipped with approximately 1,000 guns including rocket launchers and mortars (excluding light mortars). With the initial frontage being estimated at approximately 2 km (4 km for each division), the passing of the obstacle zone was supported by heavy artillery employment (125 barrals per front km).

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party presumably reached the Elbe River on 1 October, the third day of the exercise, at a speed of 15 km per day. After the break-through through the obstacle zone, the attack frontage of the corps cannot have been identical with the width of the defense line (30 km) of the White Party. It is therefore assumed that the attack concentrated on two points and, without regard to remaining enemy groups, proceeded northwestward. The first elements of the Red Party probably crossed the river on 1 October whereas the bulk of the Red Party presumably fullowed during the night of 1/2 October after river crossing sites had been prepared. (Compare with paragraph 4 d).

In the morning of 1 Cotober, there were fights on the Thie Canal during which a wooden bridge which had been constructed across the Dammkrone Canal by engineer units north of Burg near Parchau was blasted and a mine field south of the canal was exploded. At that time, the directing headquarters was probably located in Parchau, where numerous telephone lines converged. Parchau had to be vacated by civilians for 2 days.

All observations indicate that the river was crossed without a preceding stoor after only a snort assembly . On 2 and 3 October, the exercise terminated with the destroying of the White Farty in the area between the Elbe diver and the Letzling Heath. Compare with paragraph 4 be

d. The employment of the engineer units can be retraced from information on the unloading and loading sites. Only one bridge for heavy equipment could be confirmed near Farchau-Keimert. The early arrival of the engineers on the Elbe River probably had two reasons:

first, the preparation of obstacles on either side of the river for the White Party; and second, the preparation of river crossing sites, possibly including bridge building practices, for the Red Party. This applies particularly to the unit of the GSFG which, with approximately 80 amphibious vehicles, practiced with the new equipment in the Guesen area. On the basis of the assumption that at least one crossing point for heavy equipment (tanks) and one auxiliary crossing point for light equipment was needed in each division at ack section, and with a view to terrain and distribution and capacity of engineer units employed, the following possibilities are offered:

in the section of the 18th Mea Div: the construction of a pontoon bridge for heavy equipment in the Ferchland area and of a pontoon bridge for light equipment in the Jerichow-Bush area by engineer units of the Second and Fourth (Fe 1903) springs in the hitthau

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the area march of Bogaetz presumably crossing with terries, ind citabonic Thin torni was possibly accomplished with the help of the division engineer units and the amphibicus univ from Sperenberg. It is fairly definitely believed that the processing points were covered by AA guns (32d AAA Div); the employment of the LIA regiment of the LIXIA Mts Riffle Corps was observed in the Guesen area. Special

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Brundenburg Merseburg, Grossenhain and Zerbet

Roethen (MIG-15)

Zerbst (IL-10)

Werneuchen and Briesen

The following units were transferred in connection with their employments Brandenburg-Briest to Doeberitz

Geometric attack regiment. Lebter reginera

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Clear regiment

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The granul acts on the were employed in formations of up to 36 Hales with fighter second, with the employment area moving westward to the Letaling Heath area during the exercise: Funder units were suployed at a strength of up to 27 IL-28s with highter esearc. MiG-15c, in addition to their recommissance and escort duties, participated in ground fights. A combined employment of fighters, ground attack Stanes and transport planes from the Doeberits area toward Letaling Heath was described on 3 Catches. The number of 30 to 50 transport planes tends to indicate that paractive troops were employed in the final phase of the exercise. The origin of the transport enits cannot be determined. Since the transport regiments stationed as the Haubrandenburg and Schoenefeld sinfields were not absent from their fields buring the period concerned, it is bolieved that the participating transport units sems them exhalte the zone. This was also observed in preceding years. Fo-2 planes were repeatedly employed ever the exercise area, probably as artillary observation planes. Pive helicophers of type 36 were detached from the Neubrandenburg transport regiment for the duration of the exercise. The helicopters were presumably to derve as meass of transportation for wounded personnel.

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With the departure of first elements in the evening of 3 October, the manager terminated to the Lettling Reath. A final phase in the Dolle area, which included the employment of ear force units and possibly, parachute troops, was apparently held in the presence of Grandl bukov, brmy Semeral Grechko, General Batov and the former German Field taldral Familus ;

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a. The bulk of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps and wheeled elements of the other units, with a few exceptions, left again by road on and after the evening of 3 October. The return shipments of units of the Third Shock Army and the IV Arty Corps from the Letzling Heath area between 4 and 7 October. which were observed included:

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	233	- STATE OF THE STA	
136th Gds Hv Hi	ngerhuette ilersleb en	1 3	
Tank SP Regt/ Third Shock Army 304th Arty Brig/ Let LXXIX (Mtz Rifle	tzlingen	1	
Corps)	tzlingen	4	
Army and/or 6th Arty Div ?			
6th Arty Div Mah	ılwinkel	1	
	gerhuette	12	
88th Engr Regt/ Jer Second Gds Mecz Army	richow	1	
	hringen	1	
	ılwinkel	2	
3d Engr Regt/ Je Fourth Gds Mecz	richow	2	
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6th Gds Mecz Div	zelberg	1	
	gerhuette	1	
304th Arty Brig/ Let LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps	zlingen	1	
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	rdelegen	1	
205th Engr Bn/12th Vin Gds Tank Div	-	1	
3d Gds AT Brig/IV Tan Arty Corps		1	
AAA Regt/LXXIX Mtz Gue Rifle Corps		3	
Army troops/Third Gar Shock Army	•	1	
4th Gds Arty Brig/IX M Rifle Corps	tz/ Mahlwinkel	4	
IV arty Corps	germænde	2	
10th Gds RL Regt/ Let: IX Mts Rifle Corps	zlingen	2	

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Mez Div	Jaevenitz	2
	Jaevenitz	1
	Tangermiende	1
Corps		
	Jaevenitz	2
Gds Mtz Kifle	Gardelegen	1
ds AT Brig/	Tangermuende	1
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	Gardelegen	1
t Gds Engr Bn/	Jaevenitz	2
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	Moehringen	2
	Moehringen	4
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	Gardelegen	1
	Vinzelberg	2
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The 96 return shipments are broken down as follows:

IX Mtz Rifle Corps

37 shipments

IV Arty Corps

29 shipments

Army troops/Third Shock Army and LXXIX Mtz

Rifle Corps

18 shipments

Engineer units of the

GSFG and various armies

12 shipments

There is no doubt that only part of the shipments were observed. The IX Mtz Rifle Corps, for example, arrived on 42 trains and the engineer units on 20 trains. It is believed that the units involved left on approximately 110, trains. The fuel supply base in Stuelper Forest returned to Magdeburg between 3 and 5 October. Between 3 and 24 October, the directing headquarters returned to their posts after the dismentling of signal installations. Equipment which was left on the Elbe River was shipped away during the month of October.

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- b. Between 25 September and 7 October, a total of approximately 200 trains with approximately 8,000 railroad cars were dispatched in connection with the maneuver. It is believed that this large number of trains caused considerable operational difficulties, particularly in the Magdeburg railroad district. According to available information, railroad administration personnel and FDJ members were employed as train personnel.
- 6. Summarizing, it can be said that the maneuvers of the Third Shock Army with regard to their scale, duration and number of participating units can be compared only with the 1952 fall maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army. The importance of the maneuver was stressed by the presence of Marshal Zhukov, Army General Grechko and others. The units participating were tested and trained

in the following menues

- a. Loading and unleading of rail shipments; movements to and from the assembly areas at short notice.
- b. Large-scale movements of motorized units on highways and macadamized roads; organization of fuel supply.
- co Defense of a river and delaying actiono

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- e. Pursuit after break-through through a deep obstacle zone, without regard to undestroyed enemy elements.
- f. Crossing of a river by major elements under difficult conditions (fortifications, obstacles, short time)
- go Combined employment of air force and ground units (ground attack planes, artillery observation planes, parachuter troops).
- ho Warfare under conditions presupposing the employment of atomic weapons.

The location, scale and development of the maneuver was indicated by information on the shipments to and from the assembly areas and was supplemented by personal

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